

Colossians 1:15-18

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Colossians 1:19-20

¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross

BEFORE ALL....
CHRIST!



Colossians

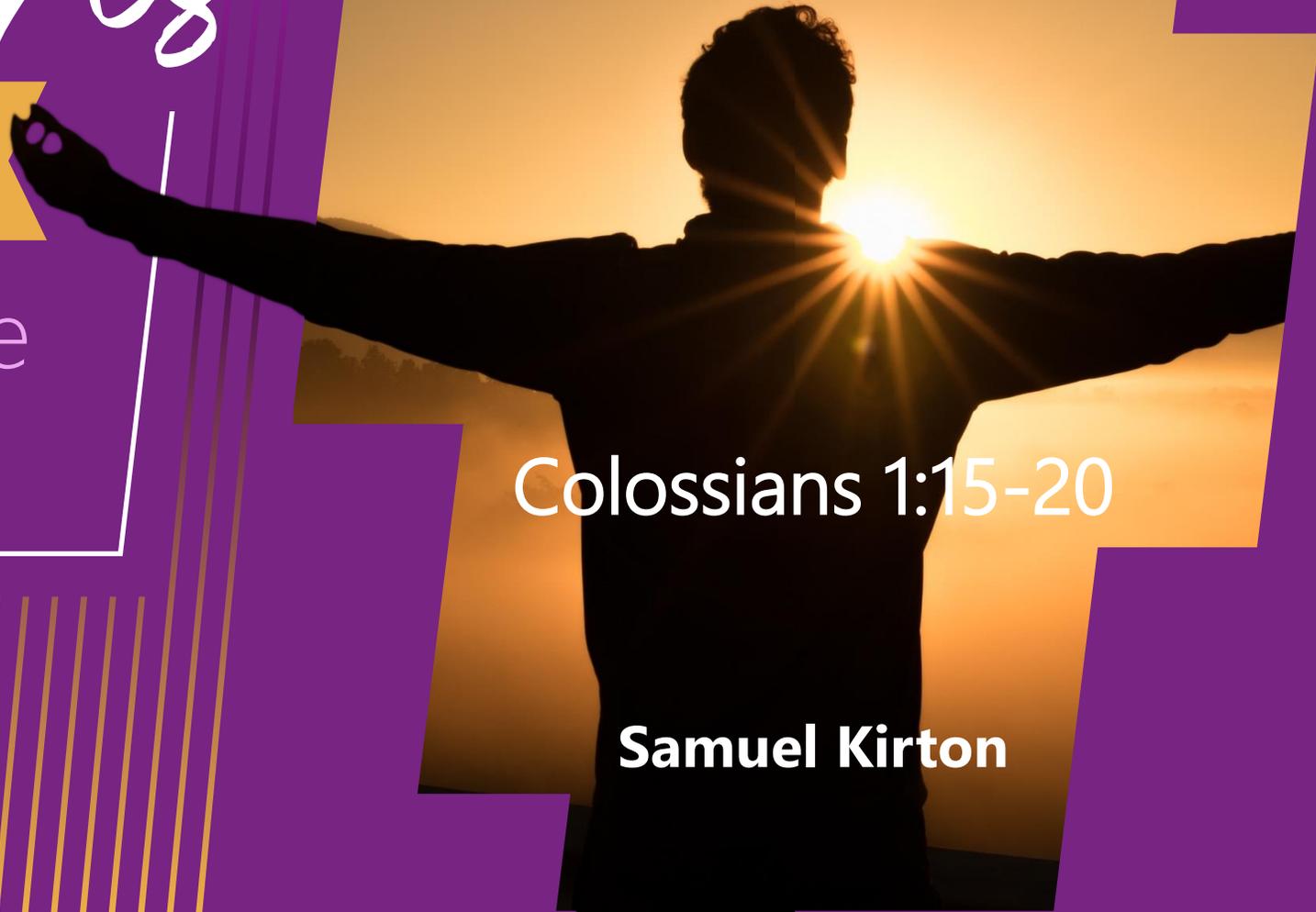
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Christ in you, the
hope of glory



Colossians 1:15-20

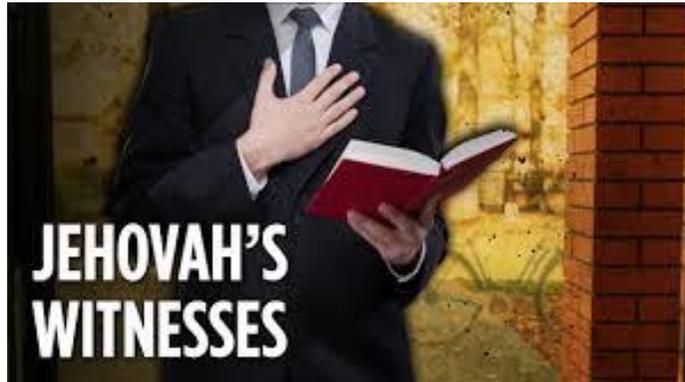
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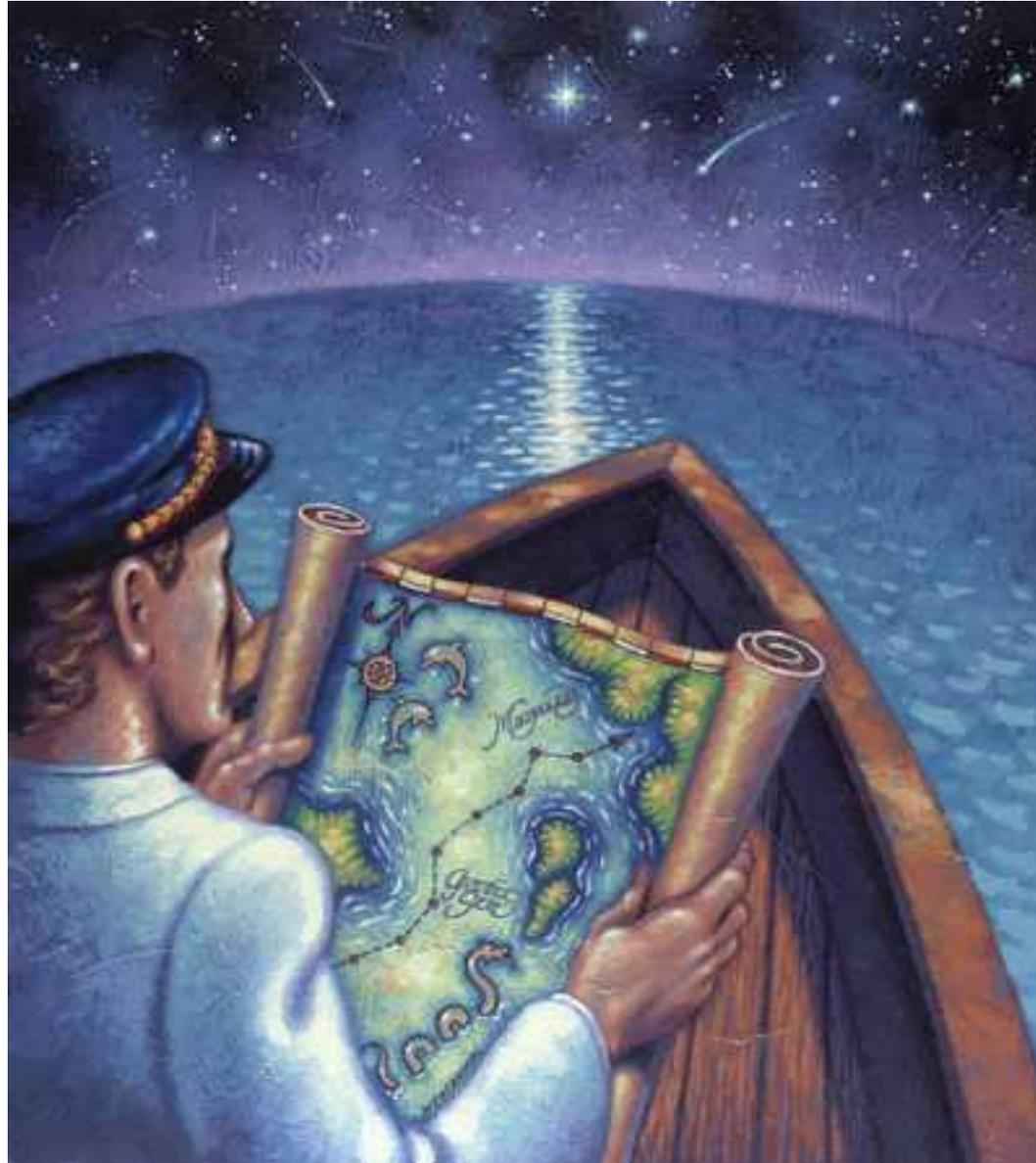
Preeminence of Christ

Who is Jesus?



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Author's Translation

Colossians 1:15

Who, as an eternal spiritual truth exists in the state of being the invisible God's image, existing before all creation

Image of God

Colossians 1:15

Greek word eikon meaning "Image"

Similar to the reflection on a coin.



Jesus said "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9)

Firstborn of creation

Colossians 1:15

Greek word Prototokos meaning “firstborn”

It can mean either priority in time or supremacy in rank.

We know it to mean rank because Paul could have used Protoktistos “first created”

Psalms 89:25-27

- 25** I will set his hand over the sea,
his right hand over the rivers.
- 26** He will call out to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, the Rock my Savior.'
- 27** And I will appoint him to be my firstborn,
the most exalted of the kings of the earth

John 1:1-3 & 14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth

Philippians 2:9-11

⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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New World Translation

- 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation 16 because by means of him all other things were created in the heavens and on the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All other things have been created through him and for him. 17 Also, he is before all other things, and by means of him all other things were made to exist, 18 and he is the head of the body, the congregation. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might become the one who is first in all things;

WHAT CAN WE TAKEAWAY

It is all about Christ!

- Before all of our fears
- Before all of our desires
- Before all of our pain and suffering
- Before all of our flaws
- Before all of our life plans

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Father God, I repent of all my sins. I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and I believe that you raised Him from the dead. Thank you for your forgiveness, thank you for saving me and making me a member of your family. I pray this in Jesus name, AMEN!